AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Currently Amended) A self-latching sash latch device including a latch body having a primary bolt, a strike, the primary bolt being mounted for sliding movement in said body between a latching position where, in use, the primary bolt engages in a latching configuration with the strike and a retracted position, and an operating element operatively coupled to the primary bolt to enable the primary bolt to be moved from the latching position to the retracted position, a retaining means to retain the primary bolt in the retracted position and a secondary bolt ~~mounted~~ movably engaged with the primary bolt ~~and~~ to be moveable both with and relative to the primary bolt, ~~with or independent of the primary bolt to effect release of the retaining means to release the primary bolt and enable it to move from the retracted position to the latching position,~~ the secondary bolt has a leading end which has a first engagement surface which is exposed for contact with a part of the strike when the primary bolt is moved to the retracted position by the operating element, whereby contact between the first engagement surface and said part of the strike during relative movement between the body and strike causes the secondary bolt to move relative to the primary bolt to the position where ~~it~~ the secondary bolt effects release of the retaining means to release the primary bolt and enable the primary bolt to move from the retracted position to the latching position.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the primary bolt is biased by biasing means to move to the latching position.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the secondary bolt is slidingly located in the primary bolt.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the primary bolt is slidingly mounted in a chassis which is removably coupled to a base.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 31, further including a cover removably mounted to the chassis.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the first engagement surface is a surface, which is inclined relative to the direction in which the secondary bolt is moveable.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 28, wherein said strike has a wall which overlaps an engagement portion of the primary bolt when the primary bolt is in the latching position and the latch device is in a latching configuration.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the secondary bolt has a second engagement surface which is engageable with said part of the strike upon relative movement between the body and strike occurring in an opposite direction.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the primary bolt and the release means are independently biased by separate biasing means.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 36, wherein the retaining means is a spring clip engageable with an abutment of the primary bolt.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 37, wherein the release member is moveable to a position where it moves the spring clip out of engagement with the abutment to thereby release the retaining means.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 31 or 38, further including limiting means engageable with the primary bolt when in the latching position.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 38, further including limit release means engageable with the primary bolt when in the latching position operable by

the operating element to release the limiting means to free the primary bolt for movement from the latching position to the retracted position.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended) A self-latching device including a latch body having a primary bolt, a strike, the primary bolt being mounted for sliding movement in said body between a latching position where, in use, the primary bolt engages in a latching configuration with the strike and a retracted position, and an operating element operatively coupled to the primary bolt to enable the primary bolt to be removed from the latching position to the retracted position, a retaining means to retain the primary bolt in the retracted position and a release member moveable with or independent of the primary bolt to effect release of the retaining means to release the primary bolt and enable it to move from the retracted position to the latching position, and an indicator means moveable in response to movement of the primary bolt to provide an indication visually apparent from externally of the body of the latch device being in a latching or non-latching configuration the indicator comprising an elongate member with a distal end slidingly engaged in an opening in an external surface of the body.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 41, wherein there is further provided one or more cover elements to cover the opening but moveable to enable said distal end to become visible.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 42, wherein the cover elements comprise a pair of flaps carried by legs, the legs being moveable apart by movement of the elongate member to cause the flaps to move away from covering the opening.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented) The latch device as claimed in claim 42 or 43, wherein the distal end includes a knob.

Claim 45 (New) A self-latching sash latch device including a latch body having a primary bolt, a strike, the primary bolt being mounted for sliding movement in said body between a latching position where, in use, the primary bolt engages in a latching configuration with the

strike and a retracted position, and an operating element operatively coupled to the primary bolt to enable the primary bolt to be moved from the latching position to the retracted position, a retaining means to retain the primary bolt in the retracted position and a secondary bolt slidingly located in the primary bolt to be moveable both with and relative to the primary bolt, the secondary bolt has a leading end which has a first engagement surface which is exposed for contact with a part of the strike when the primary bolt is moved to the retracted position by the operating element, whereby contact between the first engagement surface and said part of the strike during relative movement between the body and strike causes the secondary bolt to move relative to the primary bolt to the position where the secondary bolt effects release of the retaining means to release the primary bolt and enable the primary bolt to move from the retracted position to the latching position.